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SUBJ: TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION-- SENATE HEARINGS

1. MADRID'S EVENING DAILY NEWSPAPER "INFORMACIONES" CARRIES STORY BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ALBERTO VALVERDE (DATELINED WASHINGTON, MARCH 5) WHICH CHARGES THAT STILL SECRET PORTIONS OF AGREEMENT PACKAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TREATY MAY RELATE TO USE OF THE U.S. FACILITIES IN CASE OF WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. BASIS FOR STORY APPEARS IN PART TO BE A STATEMENT BY SENATOR SPARKMAN AT OPENING OF HEARINGS THAT TWO EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS HAVING TO DO WITH PROCEDURAL MATTERS HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC. (THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A REFERENCE TO THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION AND ITS PROCEDURAL ANNEXES, WHICH HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.)

3. VALVERDE ELABORATES BY ATTRIBUTING TO "WELL INFORMED SOURCES" THE BELIEF THAT THESE TWO AGREEMENTS DEAL INTER ALIA WITH THE USE THE U.S. MIGHT MAKE OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN SPAIN IN THE EVENT OF WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE REPORTS HIS SOURCES UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT APPROVAL WOULD BE GIVEN FOR USE OF TORREJON OR ZARAGOZA FOR STAGING TANKER AIRCRAFT REFUELING OPERATIONS. REPORT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT "PRIVATE SOURCES" BELIEVE THERE WAS A UNCLASSIFIED

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DESIRE TO KEEP THIS SUBJECT FROM COMING UP, BUT THAT IT WILL

PROBABLY BE TREATED WHEN THE HEARINGS CONTINUE NEXT WEEK.

4. VALVERDE FURTHER SUGGESTS (WRONGLY) THAT, SINCE THESE ARE EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS, THEY WILL ALSO NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE SPANISH CORTES FOR CONSENT TO RATIFICATION.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT HERE, WE CAN EXPECT QUERIES -- TO WHICH WE WILL RESPOND BY POINTING OUT THAT THE REPORT HAS NO BASIS IN FACT. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE THE TEXTS OF STATEMENTS MADE AT THE HEARINGS SO THAT WE WILL BE BETTER PLACED TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT AT THIS END.
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